



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

September 24, 2013

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz. Mr. Smeltz discussed meeting every other month. He stated that there is a possibility of an increase in gas activity in 2014 so he wants to keep the task force vibrant. He welcomed Jordan Sheffer, Mark Barbier, Anadarko, and Morgan Myers, lead reporter for Shale Play magazine.

I. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Workforce Development/Education Committee** – Pete Smeltz summarized Bruce Jones' written report. Unemployment was 8.5% in July 2013. There were 169 new hires in July through August. Twenty of the hires were natural gas hires. There will be a career fair at Susque View on October 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- b. **Public Safety Committee** – Pete explained that the 911 center at Susque View will be moving to their new home at the Flemington School by the end of the year. Kevin Fanning reported that his resources will need to be focused on this move so some natural gas activities will slow down. Most hurdles with 911 addressing over the last twenty-four to thirty-six months have been addressed. Public safety training has been focusing on shale activity and public service folks are prepared for a natural gas emergency. Jeff Snyder stated that Kevin is doing a great job as Clerk of the Works at the Flemington School. The VA office is moving there and the fire chief's organization will also have an office in the new facility. He thanked Kevin on behalf of the commissioners for all the time he and his staff are putting into the 911 project.
- c. **Economic Development Committee** –Mike Flanagan reported that Baker Hughes has 196 employees. There is one prospect showing interest in the Lamar Business Park. The Fenco/Rafko building will be added to the list of potential properties for the gas industry. He provided a map of the Route 220 project in Lamar. Ramp A and D are being constructed. He stated that despite what was published in the Lock Haven Express, unemployment in Clinton County has never been the highest in the region.
- d. **Public Education Committee** – Pete discussed developing a newsletter at the last meeting. Mitzi Gallagher reported that the committee did not have a meeting last

month. She will talk to Mike Flanagan about an upcoming presentation. She may contact the landfill regarding the natural gas compressed filling station.

- e. **Environmental Committee** – Jerry Lacy highlighted the meeting minutes from the last environmental committee meeting (attached). They are now meeting in the new Science building at LHUP. Dr. K who is on the committee received the outstanding scholarship award at LHUP.
- f. **Transportation** – Damon Wagner, PennDot, reported the 144 road project is almost complete and updated the committee on work that will be done on bridges in western Clinton County.

II. **Agency Reports:**

- a. **DEP** - Dan Vilello congratulated Pete on a great presentation in Erie. He reported DEP is requesting comments on the revisions to the Oil and Gas regulations being proposed. There will be six regional public meetings regarding the revisions. There is additional money for locating abandoned wells. Most are not dangerous but it is better to plug them. DEP is going to require a secondary containment to protect spills from going off site.
- b. **SRBC** - Tim Holladay reported that SRBC has a regulation that requires permitting the first gallon of water. Drilling on private property will be requesting a permit from SRBC. Mitzi stated that SRBC would be willing to do a presentation at a task force meeting.
- c. **DCNR** – Doug D’Amore reported that he is meeting with XTO regarding locating an entrance on Benson Road. The snowmobiling issue should be resolved on October 3rd. He will be meeting with Anadarko on October 7th to discuss lease preservation plans. CCG Vertigas should be done by October 16th. It is possible that Shell may be running pipeline through West and East Keating. The reclamation process is starting this week.

III. **Industry Reports:**

- a. **Anadarko** – Wes Carson reported that there are three rigs running in Lycoming County. Anadarko has fully implemented a crisis team and has a full ICS command. Mark Barbier stated that Anadarko is open to have a tour of a compressor station and will continue to coordinate it.

IV. **Old Business/New Business/Open Discussion:**

- a. Pete discussed the revolution of the gas task force. He said the commissioners will stay engaged at the state level. The commissioners will continue to promote UGI growth. He explained the process of revising the county’s comprehensive plan.

- b.** Doug stated the state forest resource plan is on DCNR's website and public comment is welcome.
- c.** Pete shared an article in the Lock Haven Express about exporting gas.
- d.** Dan reported that House Bill 343 has been introduced and supports minimum standards for water well construction.
- e.** Pete discussed possible presenters for upcoming meetings and developing a GTF newsletter. He thanked Jim Runkle and Morgan Myers for coming to the meeting.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be November 19, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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